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(*b*) what measures the Government have taken or propose to take to give relief to the people in the affected areas?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Copies [a] of the reports from the Collector of Malabar, dated 27th May 1932 and 15th July 1932, are annexed.

Famine relief in Bellary district.

*26 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of works in progress in the Bellary district at the time the Government ordered that the provisions of the Famine Code should apply to the carrying out of works of the cultivators and others in the district;

(*b*) the nature and kind of work and the place at which each was in progress;

(*c*) the average number of men, women and children employed during each of the four weeks prior to the stoppage of the work;

(*d*) the works since started according to the provisions of the Famine Code with particulars as to the nature of work, place and the number of men, women and children employed in each week in the month following the starting of the work; and

(*e*) the average wage paid to each man, woman and child before and after the change introduced by the Government?

A.—(*a*) Twenty.

(*b*) A statement [b] giving the information is attached.

(*c*) The average figures cannot be worked out without a good deal of labour. The actual number of workers reported on certain dates is as follows:—

Date.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
27th April 1932 ..	5,948	9,562	3,527	19,037
4th May 1932 ..	5,514	8,617	2,993	17,124
12th May 1932 ..	1,833	3,021	899	5,753 †
19th May 1932 ..	2,972	4,745	1,528	9,245 †

† Figures incomplete.

(*d*) A statement giving particulars of the works is attached. The average daily attendance in each week was as follows:—

Week ending	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
10th June 1932 ..	..	..	..	4,015 ‡
17th June 1932 ..	..	..	..	7,744 ‡
25th June 1932 ..	3,186	5,770	1,700	10,656
2nd July 1932 ..	3,308	6,503	2,123	11,934
9th July 1932 ..	3,758	7,233	2,421	13,412

‡ Details not available.

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 103—106 infra.

[b] Printed as Appendix III on page 106 infra.

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(e) The rates of wages paid daily before the introduction of test works were:—

	RS.	A.	P.
For each man	0	3	0
For each woman	0	2	3
For each child	0	1	6
		or	
	0	1	0

The rates of wages payable on test works are given in the Famine Code. The rates are as follows for certain prescribed outturns. The actual amounts earned by the individual worker will depend on his or her outturn.

Workers.	Rate as increased under section 130 (a) (ii) of the Famine Code. RS.	A.	P.
Special class (i.e., gangmen or special gangs) ..	0	1	11
Class I (adults employed on digging, etc.) ..	0	1	7
Class II (adults employed on carrying, etc.) ..	0	1	3
Class III (children)	0	0	11

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask what the wages paid are after the departmental works were closed?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"The hon. Member has given me an opportunity of making a personal explanation. The rate paid to a worker in class I is 2 as. 1 p. if he does his full task. The figures in the answer have been based on calculations made in the Secretariat. The rates may vary from time to time with the price of grain."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"May I understand that 2 as. 1 p. just mentioned by the hon. Revenue Member is exclusive of the extra percentage allowed with reference to the prices of condiments?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"Yes."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask of the hon. Member to obtain the actual rates of wages paid?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"I have telegraphed for them and will place the figures on the table of the House when received."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"Have these people been earning this all along or is it only recently this rate was introduced?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"I am under the impression that it has been the rate for a long time."